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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT : International Association of Machinists (IAM) Strike Against Lockheed Aircraft Corporation

1. This memorandum is for your information.

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2. An IAM strike against Lockheed Aircraft Corporation started at 0001, local time, 28 November. In accordance with instructions from this Headquarters, Lockheed airlifted all (117) hourly union and non-union Lockheed employees from [redacted] at 0800, local time, 28 November, to Burbank. The Lockheed chief of flight test and approximately 24 Lockheed supervisory personnel will remain at [redacted] to look after the four A-12 aircraft there. Flight test operations at [redacted] were halted 27 November after A-12 aircraft #1 completed test flight #53 and A-12 aircraft #2 completed flight test #17. These aircraft, together with aircraft #2 and #4 (undergoing final assembly preparatory to flight test) have been secured in a hangar at [redacted]

3. In addition to the foregoing, A-12 assembly line activity at Burbank has been halted as a result of the strike. Kelly Johnson, in accordance with Lockheed policy, is keeping his doors open, at Burbank, to those union or non-union employees who may wish to return to work there. Mr. Johnson was rather disappointed with this headquarters' instruction to remove all hourly workers from [redacted] in that workers who may wish to return to work in spite of the strike will not be permitted to work at their normal job location, i.e., [redacted]. Mr. Johnson was informed that the strike situation will be under constant review by this headquarters.

CORONA

4. There has been no indication of any immediate serious impact of the strike on the CORONA program. CORONA mission #9048 (the first five day duration CORONA mission) launched 24 November, is operating normally and scheduled for retrieval at 1901, local time, 29 November.

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5. United Press International reports indicate that IAM pickets are in evidence at Cape Canaveral, Sunnyvale, Burbank, and Vandenberg, as well as other locations. UPI also is suggesting possible Government intervention in the strike, quoting DOD spokesmen, via the Taft-Hartley Act route.

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